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RHODE ISLAND HISTORICAL PRESERVATION AND HERITAGE COMMISSION
AWARDS GRANTS TO CITIES AND TOWNS

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission (RIHP&HC)
announced today that it is awarding six grants totalling about \$47,000 to local historical
preservation programs. These grants to five Rhode Island cities and towns will support a range
of local preservation activities, including a survey and National Register nomination, a marine
archaeological survey, a restoration plan, and public education activities.

In making the announcement, RIHP&HC Executive Director Edward F. Sanderson
stated: "The work carried out by municipal historical preservation programs is very important to
our statewide preservation efforts. These grant awards are an acknowledgement of the

commitment which these communities have made to protecting their historic resources. The Commission is pleased to support activities which local governments have identified as high priorities."

Cranston will receive a grant award of \$7,000 for Preserve Rhode Island's workshops on repair and replacement of historic windows.

Newport and Salve Regina University will receive \$7,400 to resurvey and nomination of the Ochre Point-Cliffs National Register Historic District, last studied in the early 1970s. The district contains one of the nation's most remarkable collections of 19th-century resort architecture.

Newport will also receive a grant of \$2,500 to publish the standards and guidelines used by the city's Historic District Commission in assessing applications for Certificates of Appropriateness.

Pawtucket will receive \$8,000 to develop a restoration plan for Slater Park's Bandstand and Boathouse listed in the National Register; to survey a number of buildings in the downtown area.

A grant of \$6,000 to Providence will fund the translation from English to Spanish of its historic district zoning standards, guidelines and application materials. The document will be available on the city's website. In addition, the City will provide a generic Spanish version of the guidelines to be used by other communities.

A grant of \$4,000 to Warwick will fund Public Archaeology Lab's reconnaissance survey of submerged Native American archeological sites off Cedar Tree Beach, Greenwich Bay.

The Commission has also reserved about \$12,000 to fund the 2005 State Historic

Preservation Conference. A location for the annual conference and workshops will be announced later this year.

These grants are part of the Commission's Certified Local Government (CLG) program, which provides assistance to cities and towns who protect the historic character of their communities through local historic district ordinances. Towns whose historic district ordinances and review procedures meet CLG standards are certified by the Commission and become eligible to receive grants and technical assistance.

The grants are funded by the U.S. Department of the Interior, National Park Service and awarded and administered by the Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission. Currently fifteen Rhode Island cities and towns are Certified Local Governments.

The Rhode Island Historical Preservation and Heritage Commission is the state office for historic preservation and heritage programs. It is Rhode Island's only statewide historic preservation program which identifies and protects historic buildings, districts, and archaeological sites. The Commission conducts statewide surveys of historic sites and buildings; nominates significant properties to the National Register of Historic Places and the State Register; administers programs of financial aid including grants, loans, and tax credits; reviews federal, state, and local projects to protect cultural resources; regulates archaeology on state land and under state territorial waters; and assists the preservation efforts of local governments, preservation societies and property owners. The Commission also is responsible for developing and carrying out programs to document, support and celebrate the rich cultural heritage of Rhode Island's people.